

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the concentration of the compound is in the range of from about 0.2 ppm to about 25 ppm.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is placed in contact with the *S. aureus* environment using a product comprising of an absorbent material and the compound.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the absorbent material is selected from the group consisting of a natural fiber, a synthetic fiber, a film, a foam, a wood, a pulp, a peat moss, and a superabsorbent polymer.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of a tampon, wound dressing, suppository, disposable diaper, and sanitary napkin.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is placed in contact with the *S. aureus* environment using a composition comprising of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the compound.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the compound is either a douche or a topical ointment.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is placed in contact with the *S. aureus* environment using a barrier contraceptive.

9-11. Cancelled.

012 12. (Amended) A product comprising an absorbent material, and a compound selected from the group consisting of hexahydro beta acids, hexahydro beta salts, tetrahydroiso alpha acids, and tetrahydroiso alpha salts, in an amount effective to kill, inhibit, or otherwise control the growth or proliferation of *S. aureus* without preventing the growth of *Lactobacillus*.